

JOHNNY APPLESEED SCHOOL
PTO MEETING
APRIL 14, 2009 7:00 P.M

Meeting began at 7:10 p.m.

- A. Sharon Skinner called the meeting to order and asked Board Members to introduce themselves.
- B. Michelle Cotton introduced our guest speakers, Anne Marie Sargent and Caryl L'Ecuyer from Leominster Recreation Department.
- C. Leominster Recreation Department
 - a. Distributed and reviewed the Spring/Summer 2009 Brochure. For the first time, this will not be sent home with students this year due to the cost to conform to the new mandate requiring all materials sent home are in both English and Spanish. There will be a notice sent home with students after school vacation advising where the brochure can be picked up. The brochure will also be available online on the Recreation Department's website.
 - b. Anne Marie invited JA to do a float at the Halloween Parade on 10/17. Possibly a 50th Anniversary float.
 - c. Playground Program will be at Northwest Elementary School this year rather than LHS. The Intermediate and Teen program will be held at Barrett Park this year.
 - d. State Pool will be opening on Father's Day weekend for the season.
 - e. Registration for swimming lessons and ALL programs offered will be held on Saturday, 5/30 at Barrett Park at 9:00 a.m.. There will be stations/tables for each program and parents will be able to write just one check for all programs registering for that day. Registrations for all programs with the exception of swim lessons will also be accepted beginning April 27th.
 - f. Tennis courts will be open and available to Leominster residents with the purchase of a key through the Recreation Department. There is an annual fee of \$30.
- D. Recap of recent events
 - a. Mother/Son Basketball, Bingo, and Father/Daughter Dance were all a big hit and successful events. Thanks went out to all involved in organizing.
- E. Teacher Appreciation Luncheon will be held on Friday, May 8th. We are in need of baked goods for this event.

F. Principal's Report

- a. Meg advised that we have received a grant from LATV and will be receiving video equipment shortly, enabling JA to produce their own videos and DVD's.
- b. Staff and students are currently working on "APPLES"/Positive Acknowledgement Program.
- c. Will be doing a "Student of the Month" soon. There will be a special table in the cafeteria for these students. There will be one student per class per month nominated.
- d. Fifth Grade students wrote essays about what changes they want at JA. Most of the requests talked of more leadership, responsibility, etc.